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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN BANGUI

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- 1. A RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTED THAT FIVE NORTH KOREANS ARRIVED IN BANGUI ON 24 MAY TO LOOK FOR SUITABLE EMBASSY PROPERTY. SOURCE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE GROUP IS A DELEGATION BUT RATHER THE VANGUARD OF THE NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE POSTED IN BANGUI.
- 2. THE GOCAE MADE A RATHER VAGUE ANNOUNCEMENT ON 5 FEBRUARY STATING THAT NORTH KOREA AND THE CAE HAD DECIDED TO BEGIN A NEW STAGE IN THEIR RELATIONS. UNTIL NOW IT HAD NOT BEEN CLEAR IF THE DPRK WOULD ACTUALLY OPEN AN EMBASSY IN BANGUI. ACCORDING TO THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR, THE NORTH KOREANS ARRIVED VIRTUALLY UNANNOUNCED AND WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT FROM THE GOCAE TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMBASSY. HE IS WORKING THROUGH FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCK AT THE IMPERIAL COURT IN AN EFFORT TO DELAY THE OPENING OF THE EMBASSY UNTIL AFTER THE DECEMBER 4 CORONATION. QUAINTON

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